

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING



Chairperson
Heather Stettinichs

Vice Chairperson
Mark Krogstrand

Panel Functions

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions
- Advise on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons- The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons

Panel Priorities

- State Performance Plan
- Child Find
- Ensuring quality service providers are available to children with disabilities

Minutes

October 7th, 2008

Members Present	Members Absent
Lisa Heckenlaible	Michele Cogley
Todd Christensen	Nicole Haneke
Bernie Grimme	Peggy Hargens
Nora Svatos	Karn Barth
Greg Cooch	Heather Stettnichs
Judy Hoscheid	
Mark Krogstrand	
Gail Eichstadt	
Jim Dunston	
Laura Johnson-Frame	
Greg Riley	
Elaine Roberts	

Guests	
Dan Rounds	Black Hills Special Service, Transition Coordinator
Lori Wehlander	Black Hills Special Services, Regional Transition Liaison
Susan Sheppick	Dept. of Ed., Birth To 3 Program Director

Department of Education	
Ann Larsen	State Special Education Programs Director, SD DOE
Alicia Schoenhard	Program Specialist, SD DOE
Merle Doolittle	DOE - Special Education Secretary

Public	
None	

Acronyms used:

SPP: State Performance Plan
APR: Annual Performance Report
SEP: State Education Program
OSEP: Office of Special Education Programs
SD DOE: South Dakota Department of
Education
TSLP: Transition Services Liaison Project

Opening Remarks

Ann Larsen, SD DOE, began with welcoming members, reviewing the agenda and the minutes with the panel. Ann introduced Special Education Program Specialist, Alicia Schoenhard.

Approval of the Agenda

Action Item - Members to accept agenda for the **October 7th, 2008** Meeting.

Motion to accept: Elaine Roberts

Second motion to accept: Jim Dunston

Panel Vote:

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Approval of Minutes

Action Item - Members to accept the **June 20th, 2008** Minutes.

Motion to accept: Judy Hoscheid

Second motion to accept: Lisa Heckenlaible

Panel Vote:

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson _____

Signature

Date

Transition

Presented by

Dan Rounds, Black Hills Special Services

Dan introduced Lori Weiland, new employee at Black Hills Special Services. Dan told members about trainings and the main activities that Black Hills Special services has been involved with:

Project Skills

Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)

Regional Transition Forums

Catch The Wave

Transition Tacklebox

Regional Training on Indicator 13

Self-Advocacy

Special Education Programs Updates

Presented by

Ann Larsen, Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

Ann reported on the Summer Conference held in Pierre this past summer. She also spoke about the Data Retreat held in Pierre on Sept. 4 & 5, 08. Members were told about the upcoming Deaf Seminar to be held in Sioux Falls on Nov. 4 & 5, 08.

The Accountability Manual was discussed. Ann told members how the manual is one of the ways we can provide direction on focus monitoring.

Talked about the monthly Special Education Directors call that the Department started this fall.

Birth To 3

Presented by

Susan Sheppick, Birth To 3 , SD Dept. of Education

Susan gave an update on the Birth to 3 Program in the state. Members were informed that the Rules Committee had approved the new rules. The Rules Committee also approved the rates being aligned with Medicaid rates. The eligibility criteria has been narrowed. There have been some changes in Prolonged Assistance. The eligibility Rules go into affect Oct. 23, 08.

State Performance Plan & Annual Performance Report

Presented by

Ann Larsen, Special Education Programs, SD Dept. of Education

OSEP is looking closely at Improvement Activities

Indicator 3: Judy Sargent Data Training, Dropout Prevention Workshop

Indicator 5: LRE Checklist

Indicator 8: Collaborate with Parent Connections to help increase response rate.

Talked about the Parent Survey and the return numbers.

Yearly Planning

- ❖ Focus on Panel Functions
- ❖ Review Existing Priorities
- ❖ Begin Establishing New Goals and Priorities

Small Group Activity

Miscellaneous Topics

- ❖ Congrats from SD Parent Connections

- ❖ Special Education Director Calls

Schedule Upcoming Meeting

- ❖ Proposed Agenda Items for Next Time

State Performance Plan

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to accept: Greg Cooch

Second motion to accept: Bernie Grimme

Panel Vote:

Yes All Members

No None

Abstain None

Reminder

Next Meeting: We will meet at Kneip Conference Room #3 on January 8th & 9th, 2009